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## Neil Simon's **California Suite**

**Alan Alda  
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Bill Cosby  
Jane Fonda  
Walter Matthau  
Elaine May  
Richard Pryor  
Maggie Smith**



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## World Series Spectacular

Is it America's greatest sporting event? Here's an action-crammed look at the most dramatic moments from the past 76 years of World Series baseball. See for yourself if Babe Ruth really called his famous homer against Charlie Root of the Cubs. Watch Bob Gibson blaze his fastball. Relive Don Larsen's perfect game in 1956, Reggie Jackson's four straight home runs in 1977, Graig Nettles' dazzling plays at third base in 1978, memorable rallies, pinch hits and much more! **Oct. 7, 8, 12**

## World Series Scouting Report

What's better than having an expert analyze the World Series teams? Having a pair of experts. Your hosts will be two men who managed World Series teams in recent years—Tom Lasorda of the Dodgers and Sparky Anderson of the Detroit Tigers. They'll examine both teams' strengths and weaknesses, their starting pitchers, bullpens, benches, offenses and defenses. **Oct. 8, 9**



## Jennifer

A bright but shy mountain girl summons "the vengeance of the viper" when students in a swank school torment her. Like *Carrie*, this chiller delves into the darker side of human nature. *Brief nudity, adult language.* (PG-1:30) **Oct. 2, 6, 10, 19, 27**



## Dear Inspector

A fast-paced, refreshingly different mystery-comedy. Annie Girardot stars as the tough but soft inspector trying to rekindle an affair with an old college flame, Philippe Noiret. *Brief nudity, adult language.* (PG-1:45) **Oct. 1, 5, 9, 17, 21**

## Midnight Express

A devastating, hard-hitting drama about an American student who lives a nightmare in a brutal Turkish prison. Nominated for six Oscars. *Very strong physical violence, profanity, nudity.* (R-2:01) **Oct. 1, 3**

### Monday October 1

#### 5:00 THE STRANGER AND THE GUNFIGHTER

Action-packed Eastern-Western (PG-1:47) p.8

#### Tonight's Highlight: 7:00 DEAR INSPECTOR

Witty, romantic mystery set in Paris (PG-1:45) p.5

#### 9:00 HOOPER

Burt Reynolds, Sally Field co-star (PG-1:37) p.9

#### 10:45 MIDNIGHT EXPRESS

Hard-hitting true story of young American's ordeal in Turkish prison (R-2:01) p.5

### Tuesday October 2

#### 5:30 LEGENDS

The late Joan Crawford. p.16

#### 6:00 WORLD ON A STRING

Puppet Spectacular. *Only play date this month*

#### Tonight's Highlight: 7:00 JENNIFER

Eerie thriller (PG-1:30) p.5

#### 8:30 LEGENDS p.16

#### 9:00 BURLESQUE! p.9

#### 10:30 ROBIN WILLIAMS

A much different "Mork." *Only play date this month*

### Wednesday October 3

#### 4:30 THE DOOBIE BROTHERS

Sensational rock group. *Only play date this month*

#### 5:30 AVALANCHE

Rock Hudson (PG-1:30) p.16

#### Tonight's Highlight: 7:00 AN EVENING WITH SAMMY DAVIS, JR.

The versatile singer, dancer, comedian, mimic, nightclub and recording star (1:30) p.5

#### 8:30 THE AMSTERDAM KILL

Robert Mitchum (R-1:30) p.22

#### 10:00 MIDNIGHT EXPRESS

Based on the true best-seller (R-2:01) p.5

### Thursday October 4

#### 4:00 MURDER BY DECREE

Good thriller (PG-2:03) p.21

#### 6:00 EUROPEAN ICE SPECTACULAR

Lynn Redgrave narrates. p.9

#### Tonight's Highlight: 7:00 INSIDE THE NFL

Action highlights. New show every Thursday. p.13

#### 8:00 MURDER BY DECREE

James Mason (PG-2:03) p.21

#### 10:00 INSIDE THE NFL

See earlier listing.

#### 11:00 FAST CHARLIE

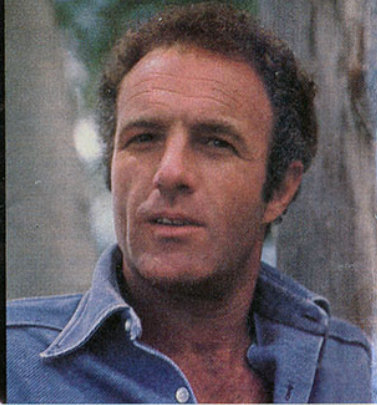
David Carradine stars (PG-1:39) p.22

## An Evening with Sammy Davis, Jr.

He sings, he dances, he jokes, he mimics. He's the one and only Sammy Davis, Jr. in this spectacular solo performance taped before a capacity nightclub crowd in Acapulco. Classy, flashy, multi-talented—Sammy recaps for you in his own inimitable style the highlights and hits of his happiest years in show business. (1:30) **Oct. 3, 8, 13, 18, 20**







## Comes a Horseman Jane Fonda James Caan

The values of the Old West are challenged by 20th century forces in this romantic tale of Montana in the '40s. Jane Fonda gives a stunning performance as a plucky rancher determined to hold her land. James Caan is the WW II veteran joining her in a private war with Jason Robards, a greedy empire builder. "A very special motion picture." (*Chicago Tribune*) Adult language, some violence. (PG-1:58) Oct. 7, 11, 15, 19, 23, 27

Friday  
October 5

### 4:00 THE STRANGER AND THE GUNFIGHTER

Lee Van Cleef (PG-1:47) p.8  
6:00 INSIDE THE NFL  
Repeat of Thursday show. p.13

Tonight's Highlight:

### 7:00 CARAVANS

Adventure of an American girl who joins a Mideastern nomad desert trek (PG-2:00) p.7

### 9:00 DEAR INSPECTOR

Comedy thriller (PG-1:45) p.5  
10:45 THE STRANGER AND THE GUNFIGHTER

Gunslinger teams with kung fu expert (PG-1:47) p.8

Saturday  
October 6

### 2:30 OPERATION THUNDERBOLT

Inside true story of Entebbe (PG-2:06) p.20  
5:00 HOOPER

Burt Reynolds (PG-1:37) p.9

Tonight's Highlight:

### 7:00 THE SINGING COWBOYS RIDE AGAIN

John Ritter hosts this "horse opera" anthology (0:51) p.7

### 8:00 JENNIFER

John Gavin (PG-1:30) p.5

### 9:30 HERE IT IS, BURLESQUE!

SRO. Ann Corio. p.9

### 11:00 HOOPER

Great stunts (PG-1:37) p.9

Sunday  
October 7

### 2:30 THE STRANGER AND THE GUNFIGHTER

Frontier drama (PG-1:47) p.8  
4:30 LEGENDS

Joan Crawford. p.16

### 5:00 FAST CHARLIE

Big "cycle race" (PG-1:39) p.22

Tonight's Highlight:

### 7:00 COMES A HORSEMAN

Co-stars James Caan and Jane Fonda at home on the range (PG-1:58) p.6

### 9:00 WORLD SERIES SPECTACULAR

Stars from past Series. p.4

### 10:00 LEGENDS

10:30 THE AMSTERDAM KILL

Robert Mitchum (R-1:30) p.22

## The Singing Cowboys Ride Again

Remember how they rode, how they rescued runaways, how they survived Indian massacres—and then burst into song, serenading their sweethearts? See this delightful anthology of classic cowboy clips—including Gene Autry, Roy Rogers, Tex Ritter—and even John Wayne making his singing debut. Trigger and Champin also appear in this nostalgic recap of the best of the horse operas. Hosted by John Ritter, star of TV's *Three's Company* and son of cowboy star Tex Ritter. (0:51) Oct. 6, 10, 14, 18, 22, 26



## Caravans

Anthony Quinn

Action, intrigue and romance on a grand scale as James Michener's best-selling novel becomes a colorful, exciting film adventure. Anthony Quinn stars as the lusty chieftain of a Central Asian tribe of nomads, and Jennifer O'Neill is the beautiful American runaway who joins him in the desert. Co-starring Michael Sarrazin. *Mild profanity, some brutality.* (PG-2:00) Oct. 5, 9, 13, 18, 22, 28







## That Man in the White House: FDR

Robert Vaughn

In a sensitive, compelling and truly fascinating performance, Robert Vaughn is President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Relive with him those monumental White House years—the New Deal, fireside chats, Pearl Harbor—in this rare tour de force portrait of the man and the politician—his humor, his triumphs and his personal tragedy. (1:44) Oct. 10, 14, 20, 23, 29

## The Stranger and the Gunfighter

Wild six-gun shootouts *plus* kung fu as the fastest gun in the West joins the most brutal hands from the East. Lee Van Cleef teams with Lo Lih, a jumper-kicker-karate chopper. *Western-type violence.* (PG-1:47) Oct. 1, 5, 7

**Monday**  
October 8

**5:00 ICE SPECTACULAR**  
Lavish costumes and sets. p.9  
**6:00 WORLD SERIES SPECTACULAR**

Tribute to a great event. p.4

**Tonight's Highlight:**

**7:00 WORLD SERIES**

**SCOUTING REPORT**  
Analysis of the two contenders in the World Series. p.4

**7:30 SAMMY DAVIS, JR.**

The one and only (1:30) p.5

**9:00 MURDER BY DECREE**

James Mason (PG-2:03) p.21

**11:00 A WEDDING**

Mia Farrow (PG-2:05) p.22

**Tuesday**  
October 9

**4:00 OPERATION THUNDERBOLT**  
True thriller (PG-2:06) p.20  
**6:30 WORLD SERIES SPECTACULAR**

Two teams analyzed by Tom Lasorda and others. p.4

**Tonight's Highlight:**

**7:00 IF EVER I SEE YOU AGAIN**

Joe Brooks lights up the screen again (PG-1:45) p.9

**9:00 CARAVANS**

Anthony Quinn (PG-2:00) p.7

**11:00 DEAR INSPECTOR**

Annie Girardot (PG-1:45) p.5

**Wednesday**  
October 10

**5:00 HOOPER**  
Rivalry among Hollywood stuntmen (PG-1:37) p.9  
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**7:00 THAT MAN IN THE WHITE HOUSE: FDR**

Robert Vaughn's one-man tour de force (1:44) p.8

**9:00 THE SINGING COWBOYS RIDE AGAIN**

Classic cowboy clips (0:51) p.7

**10:00 HOOPER**

Sally Field (PG-1:37) p.9

**11:45 JENNIFER**

Bert Convy (PG-1:30) p.5



## Hooper Burt Reynolds

Burt Reynolds and Sally Field make this action comedy about Hollywood stuntmen a real delight. Jan-Michael Vincent and Brian Keith head a great supporting cast. Chuckles, crashes, daredevil antics. *Some profanity.* (PG-1:37) Oct. 1, 6, 10, 12, 16



## If Ever I See You Again

The man who created *You Light Up My Life* and its Oscar-winning song delivers again with a moving, modern love story with music. Joe Brooks stars with "Angel" Shelley Hack. *Mild profanity, adult situations.* (PG-1:45) Oct. 9, 13, 21, 25

## European Ice Spectacular

More than 75 skaters, lavish sets, costumes and special effects in this extravaganza from Switzerland. "Salute to Broadway," clowns, a circus parade, "Carnival in Rio," more. Narrated by Lynn Redgrave. Oct. 4, 8, 13

**Thursday**  
October 11

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Carol Burnett as mother of the bride (PG-2:05) p.22  
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**7:00 INSIDE THE NFL**

Exciting mixture of action footage and commentary. p.13

**8:00 COMES A HORSEMAN**

George Grizzard as a crafty oil man (PG-1:58) p.6

**10:00 INSIDE THE NFL**

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**11:00 HERE IT IS, BURLESQUE!**

SRO. The classic burlesque returns. p.9



## Standing Room Only: Here it is, BURLESQUE!

Famed Ann Corio and comedians Moe Amsterdam and Pinky Lee headline this ribald musical comedy. Leggy Burley-Cutie Showgirls and a "string" of strippers, including the All-American Male Stripper! Risqué and sophisticated, wholesome and nostalgic. Oct. 2, 6, 11, 17, 21





## Hardcore

**George C. Scott**

Strong, disturbing, very adult drama of a deeply religious businessman's search for his runaway teenage daughter through the sleazy jungle of pornographic films and prostitution. George C. Scott is brilliant as the righteous, tortured father. Peter Boyle co-stars as a private eye who specializes in locating missing teenagers. Written and directed by Paul Schrader. "Tough... hard-hitting" (Rex Reed) *Much profanity, nudity, sexual references.* (R-1:46) **Oct. 12,16,20,25,29**



## Neil Simon's **California Suite** Alan Alda Jane Fonda

A perfect cast brings you some grand fun. Four stories, three Oscar nominations, eight stars: Alan Alda and Jane Fonda forced to a decision about an offspring. Bill Cosby and Richard Pryor, doctors on vacation. Maggie Smith and Michael Caine, an actress and her husband facing hard truths. Walter Matthau and Elaine May, supposedly faithfully married. *Mildly racy situations and language.* (PG-1:43) **Oct. 14,18,22,26,30**

**Friday  
October 12**

### 4:00 WORLD SERIES SPECTACULAR

Memorable moments from 76 years of Series action. p.4

### 5:00 INSIDE THE NFL

Repeat of Thursday show. p.13

### 6:00 FAST CHARLIE...

*The Moonbeam Rider*  
Brenda Vaccaro (PG-1:39) p.22

### Tonight's Highlight: 8:00 HARDCORE

George C. Scott searches for his daughter in the nightmare, nighttime world (R-1:46) p.10

### 10:00 HOOPER

Robert Klein (PG-1:37) p.9

### 11:45 AMSTERDAM KILL

Bradford Dillman (R-1:30) p.22

**Saturday  
October 13**

### 1:00 EUROPEAN ICE SPECTACULAR

Championship skaters. p.9

### 2:00 MURDER BY DECREE

Scotland Yard (PG-2:03) p.21

### 4:00 CARAVANS

Adventure epic (PG-2:00) p.7

### 6:00 ICE SPECTACULAR

Salute to Broadway. p.9

### Tonight's Highlight: 7:00 WHITE LIGHTNING

Burt Reynolds (PG-1:41) p.11

### 9:00 IF EVER I SEE YOU AGAIN

Shelley Hack (PG-1:45) p.9

### 10:45 AN EVENING WITH SAMMY DAVIS, JR.

Spectacular superstar (1:30) p.5

**Sunday  
October 14**

### 1:30 OPERATION THUNDERBOLT

Entebbe drama (PG-2:06) p.20

### 4:00 THAT MAN IN THE WHITE HOUSE: FDR

Robert Vaughn (1:44) p.8

### 6:00 THE SINGING COWBOYS RIDE AGAIN

Super film clips (0:51) p.7

### Tonight's Highlight: 7:00 CALIFORNIA SUITE

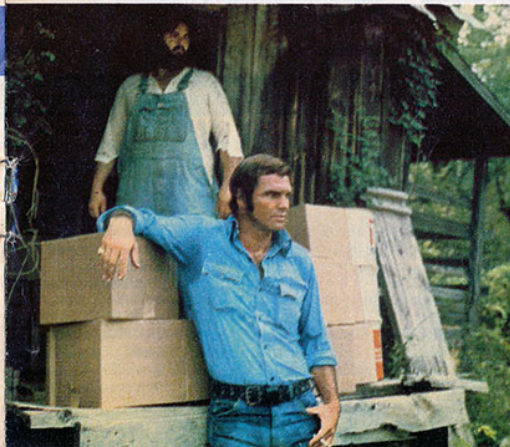
All-star cast (PG-1:43) p.11

### 9:00 THAT MAN IN THE WHITE HOUSE: FDR

Probing portrait (1:44) p.8

### 10:45 THE END

Dom DeLuise (R-1:40) p.21

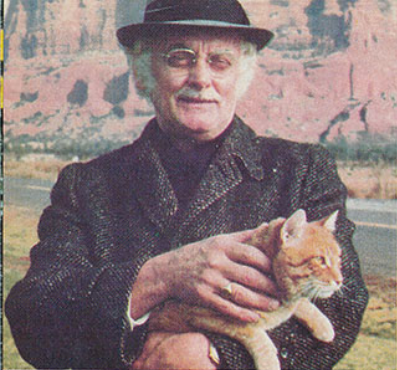


## White Lightning

**Burt Reynolds**

Booze-running, motor-gunning, law-breaking, fast and furious action. It's Burt Reynolds in a real knock-down, drag-out role. Burt's out to get a sheriff for the death of his brother. Jennifer Billingsley co-stars as a footloose camp follower. Ned Beatty, Oscar nominee for *Network*, is the sheriff. "A lot of Southern color and comfort" (N. Y. Post) *Profanity, adult situations.* (PG-1:41) **Oct. 13,17,21**





## Harry & Tonto

Harry, a displaced New Yorker, embarks on a cross-country odyssey with his cat, Tonto, a far better companion than his frustrated sons and daughter. Art Carney is unforgettable in this Academy Award performance as the 72-year-old adventurer. *Some profanity, adult relationships.* (R-1:55) Oct. 15, 20, 24, 29



## High Velocity

Ben Gazzara stars as "Bummer," a Vietnam vet, in this gripping tale of the kidnapping of an American corporation executive in a small, tropical nation. Guerilla warfare, murder plus a treacherous double cross add up to a fast-moving action adventure. *Some profanity, physical violence.* (PG-1:46) Oct. 17, 21, 27



## Sparrow

Jerry Sparrow, mailroom clerk in a large detective agency, yearns for the life of a private eye. Bright, funny and a self-educated expert on crime—with absolutely no finesse—he sets out to track down the murderer of a well-known songwriter. Randy Herman and Lillian Gish co-star. *Adult situations.* (1:26) Oct. 16, 20, 24, 28



## Inside the NFL

How did that receiver break into the open? What did that linebacker detect that enabled him to smear that runner? Get the answers from two former pro stars in our weekly NFL roundup. Quarterback Len Dawson excels at analyzing offenses and All-Pro Nick Buoniconti probes the defenses. Oct. 4, 5; 11, 12; 18, 19; 25, 26

### Monday October 15

**5:00 COMES A HORSEMAN**  
Academy Award winners Jason Robards and Jane Fonda co-star (PG-1:58) p.6  
**Tonight's Highlight:**  
**7:00 HARRY & TONTO**  
Old-timer Art Carney makes uneasy adjustment to today's life-styles (R-1:55) p.12  
**9:00 THE AMSTERDAM KILL**  
Suspense drama of drug smuggling (R-1:30) p.22  
**10:30 THE FURY**  
Thriller from *Carrie's* director (R-1:58) p.13

### Tuesday October 16

**5:00 HOOPER**  
Brian Keith, Jan-Michael Vincent in a comedy about Hollywood stuntmen (PG-1:37) p.9  
**Tonight's Highlight:**  
**7:00 SPARROW**  
Mailroom clerk with one aim in life: to be a private detective (1:26) p.13  
**8:30 HARDCORE**  
A trip through the porn jungle (R-1:46) p.10  
**10:30 MURDER BY DECREE**  
Donald Sutherland, Genevieve Bujold in fine Sherlock Holmes yarn (PG-2:03) p.21

### Wednesday October 17

**5:00 DEAR INSPECTOR**  
Lady cop re-ignites an old flame (PG-1:45) p.5  
**Tonight's Highlight:**  
**7:00 HIGH VELOCITY**  
Ben Gazzara and Paul Winfield co-star as ex-Vietnam buddies (PG-1:46) p.12  
**9:00 WHITE LIGHTNING**  
Bogan County, where the corn is for drinking (PG-1:41) p.11  
**10:45 HERE IT IS, BURLESQUE!**  
SRO. Naughty but nice revue with songs, girls and gags. p.9

### Thursday October 18

**4:00 THE SINGING COWBOYS RIDE AGAIN**  
Gene Autry, John Wayne, Roy Rogers (0:51) p.7  
**5:00 CARAVANS**  
Joseph Cotton (PG-2:00) p.7  
**Tonight's Highlight:**  
**7:00 INSIDE THE NFL**  
Nick Buoniconti co-hosts. p.13  
**8:00 CALIFORNIA SUITE**  
Maggie Smith (PG-1:43) p.11  
**10:00 INSIDE THE NFL**  
*See earlier listing.*  
**11:00 SAMMY DAVIS, JR.**  
A true superstar (1:30) p.5



## The Fury

Two teenagers with extraordinary telekinetic powers become prime targets for a shadowy organization looking for an ultimate weapon. Kirk Douglas is an ex-government agent trying to rescue his son from being exploited. Terror and suspense from the director of *Carrie*. "Crisp . . . very exciting" (Time) *Profanity, strong violence.* (R-1:58) Oct. 15, 19, 31





## Richard Pryor in Concert

"Richard is 80% pure gold," a friend once said. "The other 20%? Well, look out!" You've seen the pure-gold side of Pryor in his movies. Now look out for the 20% in this rare solo performance. It's unbridled adult entertainment where Pryor's comic genius is unleashed—frank, fearless, flamboyant. Nothing's sacred—sexual habits, urban violence, drugs, kids. This one is strictly adults only. *Profanity, vulgarity.* **October 19, 24, 28**

**Friday  
October 19**

**4:00 MURDER BY DECREE**  
Good Sherlock Holmes drama  
(PG-2:03) p.21  
**6:00 INSIDE THE NFL**  
Repeat of Thursday show. p.13  
**7:00 THE FURY**  
Kirk Douglas (R-1:58) p.13

**Tonight's Highlight:**  
**9:00 RICHARD PRYOR  
IN CONCERT**

Highlights of his recent 22-city, record-breaking tour. p.14  
**10:00 JENNIFER**  
Nina Foch (PG-1:30) p.5  
**11:30 COMES A HORSEMAN**  
Fine Western directed by Alan J. Pakula (*All the President's Men*) (R-1:58) p.6

**Saturday  
October 20**

**2:00 SPARROW**  
Mystery comedy (1:26) p.13  
**3:30 THAT MAN IN THE  
WHITE HOUSE; FDR**  
Robert Vaughn's sensitive, compelling portrait (1:44) p.8  
**5:30 AN EVENING WITH  
SAMMY DAVIS, JR.**  
Sammy's nightclub act. p.5  
**Tonight's Highlight:**  
**7:00 MATILDA**  
Boxing 'roo, bungling gangsters, irate ASPCA officials (G-1:43) p.15  
**9:00 HARRY & TONTO**  
Art Carney (R-1:55) p.12  
**11:00 HARDCORE**  
Peter Boyle (R-1:46) p.10

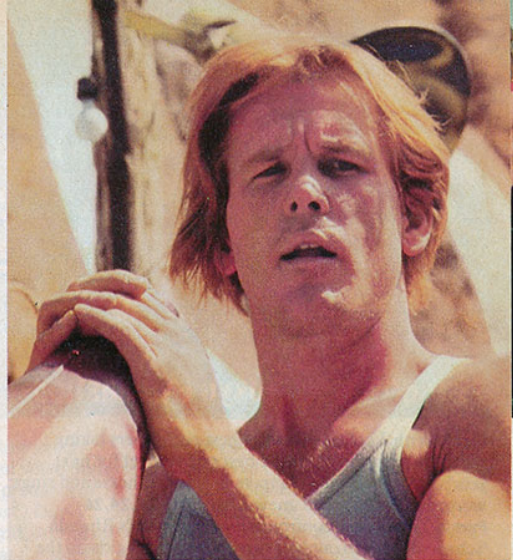
**Sunday  
October 21**

**1:00 IF EVER I  
SEE YOU AGAIN**  
Columnist Jimmy Breslin in his film debut (PG-1:45) p.9  
**3:00 DEAR INSPECTOR**  
Great mystery (PG-1:45) p.5  
**5:00 WHITE LIGHTNING**  
Burt Reynolds as a good ole boy (PG-1:41) p.11  
**Tonight's Highlight:**  
**7:00 WHO'LL STOP  
THE RAIN?**  
Three people severely affected by Vietnam (R-2:05) p.15  
**9:30 HIGH VELOCITY**  
Rescue drama (PG-1:46) p.12  
**11:15 HERE IT IS, BURLESQUE!**  
Just like the Old Days. p.9

## Who'll Stop the Rain?

Nick Nolte

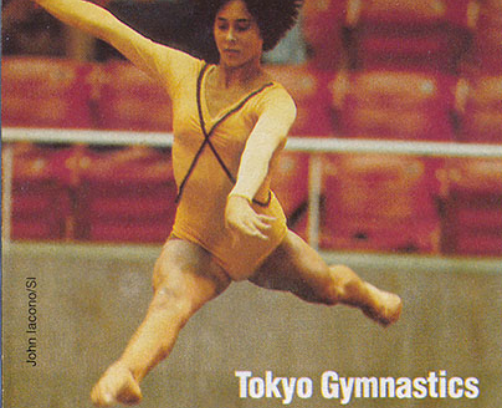
A mature thriller centering on the drug trade out of Vietnam. Nick Nolte (*Rich Man, Poor Man*) is impressive as the ex-Marine of strong will and stronger constitution at the heart of the action. Michael Moriarty, his war buddy, and Tuesday Weld, Moriarty's wife, are equally brilliant. A spectacular chase at the climax. "A knockout, destined to take its place among thought-provoking adventure classics" (*Washington Post*) *Profanity, nudity, violence.* (R-2:05) **Oct. 21, 25, 27, 30**



## Matilda Elliott Gould

You'd better believe it! A male kangaroo named Matilda is the leading contender for the world heavyweight championship in this happy comedy for all the family. Elliott Gould is the manager and Robert Mitchum is the crusading sports editor who wants to use the 'roo to confound underworld influences in boxing. "Nice funny movie for everyone" (*Houston Chronicle*) (G-1:43) **Oct. 20, 23, 28, 31**





## Tokyo Gymnastics

**Part 1.** With 32 of the world's finest performers taking part, this program offers the best preview yet for next year's Olympics. Men compete in pommel horse and rings; women in vaulting and uneven bars. **Oct. 22, 24, 26**

**Part 2.** Two classic confrontations: America's Rhonda Schwandt tries to outduel two young Soviet girls on the balance beam. And the Soviet men strive to avenge their narrow 1976 Olympic loss to the Japanese. **Oct. 29, 31**

## Legends: Joan Crawford

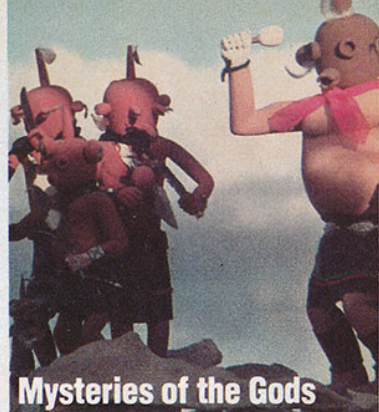
She was the Ultimate Star—a Hollywood great who was also one of film's most controversial actresses. Her personal life was continually plagued by rumors. Film clips and stills show Joan Crawford's screen portrayals as a mirror of her off-screen life. **Oct. 2, 7**

## Avalanche

Disaster strikes a Colorado ski lodge in this very different catastrophe film. Rock Hudson and Mia Farrow are caught up in the action as a mass of snow sweeps down on guests and athletes. An icy nightmare! *Mild profanity, nudity.* (PG-1:30) **Oct. 3**



Who went to Cher's lavish disco roller skating party? What happened when Steve Martin hosted a bash for the premiere of a movie's "coming attractions"? David Sheehan tours the screen world, on and off—including a comedy party at the Improvisation with guest alumni Robin Williams and Andy Kaufman. **Oct. 24, 28**



## Mysteries of the Gods

A documentary film based on the best-seller *Miracles of the Gods* by Erich von Däniken who contends there were visitors from outer space in our past. NASA scientists and investigators discuss evidence of extra-terrestrial life. Jeane Dixon sums up matters at the end. Narrated by William Shatner. (G-1:32) **Oct. 23, 27, 29**

### Monday October 22

**4:00 CALIFORNIA SUITE**  
Life in the posh Beverly Hills Hotel (PG-1:43) p.11  
**6:00 THE SINGING COWBOYS RIDE AGAIN**

Look back, listen and love them again (0:51) p.7

**Tonight's Highlight:**  
**7:00 TOKYO GYMNASTICS**  
Part 1. Top gymnasts from 11 countries. p.16

**8:00 SERPICO**  
Police drama (R-2:10) p.17

**10:15 CARAVANS**  
Jennifer O'Neill (PG-2:00) p.7

### Tuesday October 23

**5:00 THAT MAN IN THE WHITE HOUSE: FDR**  
Poignant portrayal of a rare individual. Robert Vaughn stars (1:44) p.8

**Tonight's Highlight:**  
**7:00 MYSTERIES OF THE GODS**

Are we being prepared for our First Encounter? (G-1:32) p.17

**8:30 MATILDA**  
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**10:15 COMES A HORSEMAN**  
Cowpunching Jane Fonda in western drama (PG-1:58) p.6

### Wednesday October 24

**5:00 MURDER BY DECREE**  
The Jack the Ripper murders (PG-2:03) p.21

**Tonight's Highlight:**  
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Opening night of HBO's new, topical video magazine. p.17

**7:30 SPARROW**  
Lillian Gish (1:26) p.13

**9:00 RICHARD PRYOR**  
A rare solo performance. p.14

**10:00 TOKYO GYMNASTICS**  
Part 1. Men's competition on pommel horse and rings. p.16

**11:00 HARRY & TONTO**  
Ellen Burstyn (R-1:55) p.12

### Thursday October 25

**5:00 IF EVER I SEE YOU AGAIN**  
Love story (PG-1:45) p.9

**Tonight's Highlight:**  
**7:00 INSIDE THE NFL**  
Great performances plus key errors. p.13

**8:00 WHO'LL STOP THE RAIN?**

Tuesday Weld (*Looking for Mr. Goodbar*) (R-2:05) p.15

**10:15 INSIDE THE NFL**  
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**11:15 HARDCORE**  
Midwesterner searches for his missing daughter (R-1:46) p.10



## Serpico Al Pacino

Explosive, true-life story of the New York City detective who fought bribery and corruption among his fellow lawmen. Superstar Pacino was nominated for an Oscar for his powerful portrayal of the undercover cop struggling with a moral dilemma. Filmed entirely on location in the Big Apple. *Profanity, some violence.* (R-2:10) **Oct. 22, 26, 28**





## PHANTASM

The Morningside Mortuary is the chilling setting for terror in this highly original and innovative film that combines horror with science fiction. Death lurks in myriad fiendish forms, and the dearly departed become the liveliest corpses in town. A fresh-faced cast is caught up in the prevailing mood of mystery. Very original and very frightening! "A screamer... a thoroughly scary film" (*L. A. Times*) *Nudity, profanity and graphic violence.* (R-1:29) **Oct. 26,31**



## Who is Killing the Great Chefs of Europe?

George Segal Jacqueline Bisset Robert Morley

A tasty, well-spiced comedy-mystery full of fun, flavorful food, scenic European locales, murder, suspense and a delicious cast. Jacqueline Bisset is a top dessert chef; George Segal, her ex-husband with a fast food fortune; and Robert Morley, a gourmet whose appetite is exceeded only by his waistline. "A wonderfully frivolous concoction... not at all fattening" (*Newsweek*) *Profanity, adult situations.* (PG-1:52) **Oct. 28**

**Friday**  
**October 26**

### 4:00 THE SINGING COWBOYS RIDE AGAIN

With Trigger, Champion and White Flash too (0:51) p.7

**5:00 TOKYO GYMNASTICS**  
Part 1. Exciting international competition. p.16

**6:00 INSIDE THE NFL**  
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**Tonight's Highlight:**  
**7:00 PHANTASM**

Zombies, dwarfs, sirens and malicious spiders (R-1:29) p.18

**8:30 CALIFORNIA SUITE**  
Walter Matthau (PG-1:43) p.11

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**October 27**

### 1:30 COMES A HORSEMAN

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**3:30 HIGH VELOCITY**  
Ben Gazzara (PG-1:46) p.12

**5:30 MYSTERIES OF THE GODS**  
UFO sightings (G-1:32) p.17

**Tonight's Highlight:**  
**7:00 BILLY CRYSTAL**

*On Location.* Fastest-rising comedian in the U.S. p.19

**8:00 THE END**  
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**11:30 WHO'LL STOP THE RAIN?**  
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**Sunday**  
**October 28**

### 1:30 MATILDA

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**3:30 SPARROW**  
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**5:00 CARAVANS**  
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**Tonight's Highlight:**  
**7:00 WHO IS KILLING THE GREAT CHEFS OF EUROPE?**

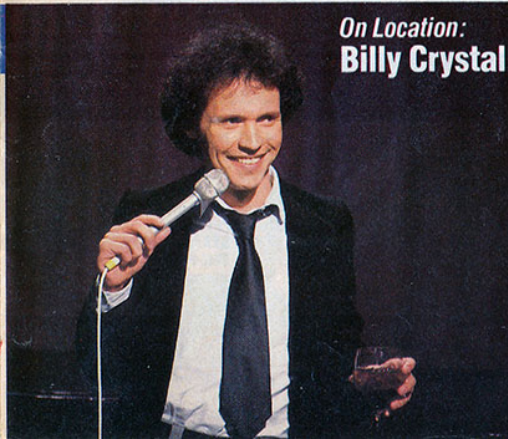
The rich food kills—the chefs! (PG-1:52) p.17

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Stars, secrets, hot items. p.17

**9:30 RICHARD PRYOR**  
Pryor on fire. p.14

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## On Location: Billy Crystal



You're in for a free-flowing stream of sketches, improvisations and monologues from the star of *Soap*, now the fastest-rising young stand-up comic in the country. Just as HBO introduced you to Robin Williams, George Carlin and Steve Martin, we now bring you the inventive, upbeat, highly individual Billy Crystal and his wall-to-wall brand of humor. Another success story about to happen—on HBO. **October 27,30**





## Fedora

**William Holden  
Marthe Keller**

Fedora! She was a Hollywood legend: the world worshipped her in her prime. Now a recluse, she turns down offers for a comeback, lives a strange life among strange people on the island of Corfu. Former lover William Holden tries to lure her out of retirement and to learn her secret. All-star cast includes Marthe Keller, Jose Ferrer, Michael York and Hildegard Knef. *Brief nudity, some profanity.* (PG-1:54) **Oct. 30**

## Operation Thunderbolt

The Israeli rescue at Entebbe is an international thriller surpassing any fiction. Here is the Oscar-nominated, inside story of how the lightning raid was carried out. *Physical violence.* (PG-2:06) **Oct. 6, 9, 14**



## Murder by Decree

Christopher Plummer is the great Sherlock Holmes and James Mason his steadfast friend, Dr. Watson, in this smashing thriller. On the trail of Jack the Ripper, the master detective lifts a veil of secrecy, terror and corruption at the very heart of the English throne. *Some graphic violence.* (PG-2:03) **Oct. 4, 8, 13, 16, 19, 24**



## The End Burt Reynolds

You'll die laughing as medically doomed Burt tries frantically to win sympathy from family and friends. Sally Field is his girl friend; Joanne Woodward, his ex-wife. Dom DeLuise, Carl Reiner, Norman Fell, Robby Benson, David Steinberg and Kristy McNichol add to the fun. *Adult situations, profanity.* (R-1:40) **Oct. 14, 27**

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**Tuesday  
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**Halloween  
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Robert Vaughn reveals the man and the President (1:44) p.8

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**9:30 HARDCORE**

George C. Scott (R-1:46) p.10

**11:15 HARRY & TONTO**

Funny, touching (R-1:55) p.12

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**5:00 CALIFORNIA SUITE**

Alan Alda (PG-1:43) p.11

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Robert Mitchum (G-1:43) p.15

**6:00 TOKYO GYMNASTICS**

Part 2. Russian and Japanese gymnasts compete. p.16

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**7:00 STRANGER IN THE HOUSE**

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**9:00 PHANTASM**

Genuine Halloween spooker (R-1:29) p.18

**10:30 THE FURY**

Psychic thriller (R-1:58) p.13



## Stranger in the House

It's no merry Christmas when four girls, alone in a sorority house during vacation, receive obscene phone calls. Tension builds when they realize it's no fraternity prank—there's a psychotic killer in their midst! Is it someone they know? Keir Dullea, Margot Kidder, John Saxon. Happy Halloween! *Adult language, physical violence.* (R-1:39) **Oct. 31**





## Fast Charlie... The Moonbeam Rider

David Carradine is out to win a grueling motorcycle race from St. Louis to San Francisco. Stubborn Brenda Vaccaro matches every one of his schemes with one-upping maneuvers of her own. *Some profanity.* (PG-1:39) Oct. 4,7,12



## A Wedding

Carol Burnett, Desi Arnaz, Jr., Mia Farrow, Geraldine Chaplin and Howard Duff attempt to stay calm in the face of this hurricane of a wedding. It's one deliriously dizzy day. *Profanity and adult situations, brief nudity.* (PG-2:05) Oct. 8,11



## The Amsterdam Kill

Tough Robert Mitchum, fired as a U.S. narcotics agent, takes matters into his own hands in exposing an international drug ring. An action-crime thriller with mayhem and murder for high stakes. *Profanity, violence.* (R-1:30) Oct. 3,7,12,15

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